(ICAR) have planned to undertake trials of MECH 915 Bt. cotton hybrid through its All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project, in nine locations this year.

Garbage Refinery

4718. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Japan has set up its first garbage refinery at Chiba, to process 300 Tons garbage a day;

(b) Whether the Japan Waste Management Association has confirmed the success of the pilot plant in refining treating household garbage;

(c) Whether the plant has been designed to gasify the waste matter and re-use it as a resource, unlike conventional incinerators; and

(d) Whether this technology was developed by Thermoselect a Swiss company; if so, whether India would seek assistance in setting up such plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) It has been reported that a waste processing plant based on Thermoselect gasification technology at 'Kawasaki Steel's Chiba Steel Works in Japan has been completed. The plant comprises two units and each has a processing capacity of 150 tons as day. The facility at Chiba has been set up by Thermoselect, a Swiss company.

Environmental Clearance for Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link Project

4719. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for environmental clearance and No Objection Certificates for Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link Project and Western Freeway Sea Link, from Worli to Nariman Point, during the last one year; and